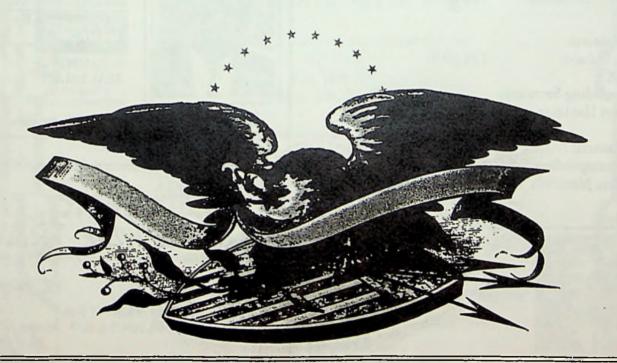


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Tuesday, November 5th

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President's Message

I am very proud to say that we had one of the largest turnouts in recent history with our Corralitos BBQ in July. The weather was great and the food was marvelous. Special thanks to all who helped out and to those who attended. It was good to hear real tamburitza music again. I've had requests for next year to add more dancing to the event. It would be great to have someone who knows the dance moves to show us rookies how to move our feet. We would hate to lose this valuable tradition and would love to share this dance with the next generation.

SACO is going to carry the BBQ theme to our next event on October 20th. We will have BBQ chicken, spaghetti and fixins' at the Watsonville Women's Club. Reservations a must. Servings limited to 100, no tickets will be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

Steve Belick

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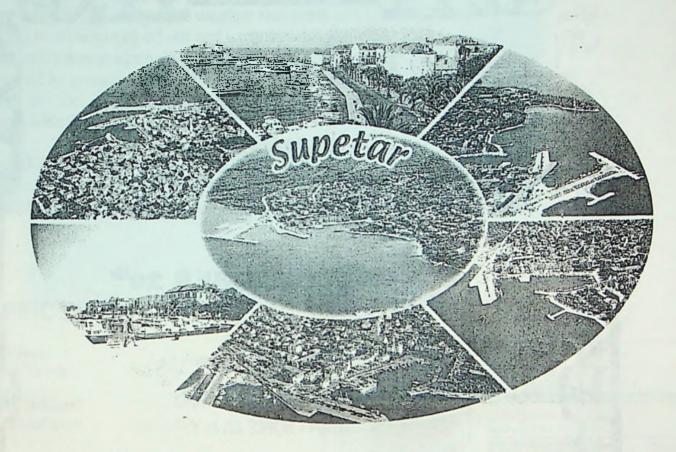
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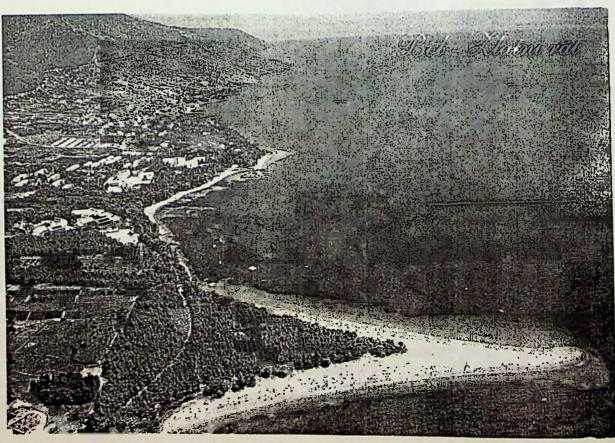
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A Family Get-together at the SACO Annual July BBQ:

(l.eft to right) Rusa Arnerich, Andy Mekis, his sister Helen Ostoja, Marja Mihatovic (visiting from Croatia), Audrey Mekis, Morton Marcus next to his wife Donna Mekis, Nita Gizdich, Jim Mekis, Katie Mekis in front of her father, Michael Mekis, and Sara, wife of Jim.



"Skip, skip, skip to my lou, skip, skip, skip to my lou, skip to my lou, my darling." Ooops, sorry, wrong song. Oh yeah; "Olla, olla, olla, do the kola, kola, kola!"

PRIZES at the July BBQ were from:

Angie & Scotty Atkins
Frank Baglione
George Balovich
Alice Bankhead
Charles Banovac
Mary Farris
Jimmie Franich
Nita Gizdich
Helene Goodwin
Geri Heebner
Helen Jensen
Christins Justus
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Dale Skillicorn
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tony and Geraldine Hrepich Monterey

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Gizdich, Jr.
September 12, 1929 - June17, 2002
Watsonville
Husband of Nita Gizdich
Brother of Martin "Bud" Gizdich

DESSERTS at the July BBQ were from:

Lillian Banovac
Karen Belick
Adeline Bettencourt
Mary Burdick
Gwen Carroll
Ann Cernokus
Lucille Deretich
Gig Franusich
Ann Gizdich
Geri Heebner
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Nina Matulich
Frances Osorio
Polly Patrone
Mary Pilo
Jo Puhera
Ann J. Scurich
Genevieve Simunovich
Jacqueline Zadravec
Helen Ukestad

Rose Previsich Sanchez
August 30, 2002 - 80 years
Watsonville
Wife of Bill Sanchez
Sister of Madeline Fiorilla

Joseph I. Espejo, Jr.
July 23, 2002 - 61 years
Watsonville
Husband of Linda Wathen Espejo
Father of Maryanna Espejo

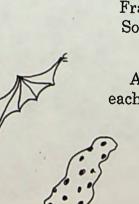
Thanks to all of you and to anyone unknown who also gave.

Attending the July 9th BBQ were: 175 adults

8 children

2 Scholarship recipients

185



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Dale Frost - from Watsonville High Son of Eric and Lorry Frost Going to Brigham University

Francisco Violich - from Aptos High Son of Antonio and Michele Violich Going to Cabrillo College

A \$300 check has been mailed to each Scholarship recipient from SACO



Submitted by Nina Matulich

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Hvar, Croatia

Forget St-Tropez: If you want serious partying in the Med, head for Hvar, the stunning Croatian island that's suddenly rivaling Ibiza and Mykonos as Europe's happening, triple-S (sun, sea, and sex) destination. Lively Hvar, with its Venetian overtones (it was ruled by the city from 1420 to 1797), is the 40mile-long island's main port, its pulse point, and the most convenient place to arrive by ferry from Split. The rest of the island, planted with lavender, vineyards, and fig and olive trees, is dotted with somnolent stone villages, two of the best being Humac, now almost completely abandoned, and Jelsa. To explore and get to star beaches such as Dubovica and Bojanica Bad, rent a car or motorbike at Pelegrini Tourist Services (385-21-742-250; \$20-\$40 per day). Disregard all existing guidebooks or you'll end up in a dump like the Palace Hotel, which is still widely vaunted as a favorite of Austrian empress Elisabeth's (1837-1898) but which suffered a scary Socialist remodeling in the sixties that snuffed out all the charm. Instead, try the plain but quiet, air-conditioned Hotel Adriatic, which overlooks the old port and has a heated seawater pool (385-21-741-024, fax -742-014; doubles, \$98-\$118). Or, to get away from it all, reserve a bungalow at the superb Meneghello Place, on the islet of Palmizana, a 20-minute boat ride from the Hvar port (385-91-478-3110; www .palmizana.hr; doubles, \$57-\$100).

Book a day in advance at Hvar's two best restaurants: the stylish Macondo, where the young, English-speaking crew serve superb scampi, fish, and local wines (385-21-742-850; entrées, \$8-\$35), and Hanibal, which overlooks Trg Sveti Stjepana (St. Stephen's Square)-after Venice's San Marco, the largest open-air plaza on the Adriatic (385-21-742-760; entrées, \$12-\$29). Moroccan lanterns illuminate the crowd in the oleander gardens at Carpe Diem, one of the Continent's hippest clubs. On a summer night under a full moon, the latest lounge music from New York and London sets the mood-if you can get past the headsetwearing bouncers at the door, that is (385-21-717-234).



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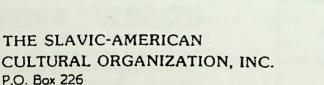


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